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A DAY TO CELEBRATE.

THE FACT that the anniversary of the birth of the great Emancipator is not more universally observed is a reproach to the patriotism of the American people. This is a day of sorrow and regret, a day of pathos and rejoicing, since the day brings forth thoughts of an inspired apostle who gave his life for the principles he believed. The subject is ably handled today in thousands of cities and communities where the best orators devote earnest thought to impressing on the minds of their hearers the lessons conveyed by the birthday of Lincoln. Probably the greatest oration ever delivered on the martyred President was voiced by James G. Garfield, whose future was snuffed out by the treacherous hand of another assassin. The speech appears in the Congressional Globe containing the official report of the proceedings of Congress. On April 14th, 1866, the first anniversary of Lincoln's taking off. After a brief eulogy upon the late President and the circumstances of his death, Mr. Garfield concluded:

"Sir, there are times in the history of men and nations where they stand so near the veil that separates mortals from immortals, time from eternity and men from their God, that they can almost hear the beatings and feel the pulsations of the heart of the Infinite. Through such a time has this nation passed. When 250,000 brave spirits passed from the field of honor, that thin veil to the presence of God, and when at last its parting folds admitted the martyr President to the company of the dead heroes of the republic, the nation stood so near the veil that the whispers of God were heard by the children of men. Awestricken by His voice, the American people knelt in tearful reverence and made a solemn covenant with Him and with each other that this nation should be saved from its enemies, that all its glories should be restored, and on the ruins of slavery and treason the temples of freedom and justice should be built and should survive forever. It remains for us, consecrated by that great event and under a covenant with God, to keep that faith, and go forward in the great work until it shall be completed. Following the lead of that great man and obeying the high behests of God, let us remember that—

"He has sounded forth a trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before the judgment seat. Be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet; For God is marching on."

IN THE WRONG PLACE.

SECRETARY BAKER has a distinction in the President's Cabinet. It is not a pre-determined certainty that whatever he does will be wrong. We should say of the gentlemen who surround Mr. Wilson that the probability of error was 100 per cent—possibly with one exception other than that of Mr. Baker. The latter has done several serviceable things as Secretary of War. The position seems to clarify a man's intelligence. Baker was in a manner of being a pacifist before he was appointed by Wilson's sure instinct for incongruity, as Secretary of War.

Criticism of Mr. Baker is neither indiscriminate nor inconsiderate, but when he takes General Wood to task for remarks regarding the machine gun situation a feeling of decided impatience asserts itself. The fact regarding the equipment of our little army is that hardly a modern implement of warfare is in its possession. Every intelligent army officer knows how battles are being fought now and knows that the American army has no acquaintance with the methods. Capt. Reilly recently described the five stages in the French attack recovering two Verdun forts and said that the American army knew nothing of any one of the five methods and did not have the equipment to undertake any of them. Of all the failures to provide equipment the failure with regard to machine guns is least excusable. A nation as wealthy as the United States could afford to scrap its machine guns if it made a mistake in choice. It cannot afford even temporarily to be without its proper equipment of them. When General Wood endeavors to arouse public opinion upon this point he is publicly rebuked by the Secretary of War. Wood is the only man in the army strong enough to ignore the censorship of military opinion.

THE NERVE OF HIM.

SAMUEL GOMPERS resembles the poor fly on the great wheel that imagined it was the source of power and was crushed to death. Mr. Gompers is arrogating to himself the duties of an organized government by conducting personal correspondence with the enemies of the United States, regardless of what Mr. Wilson essays to do, and there is imminent danger of these two great statesmen getting their wires crossed. Not long after the massacre at Carrizal Mr. Gompers addressed a real chimney letter to Carranza with a mild protest against the commission of any more outrages against United States troops and coaxing the wily old reprobate to refrain from proceeding any further in a course of conduct that would alienate the sympathy of the "industrials of the world." Mr. Gompers is conceited enough to think this note brought cessation of hostilities. That is why Mr. Gompers is going to try the same medicine on another enemy of the United States where it is not likely that he will receive a warmer welcome than he received when he tried to swallow up the Western Federation of Miners and the Mine Workers Association in the organization of which he is director general. The latest effrontery of the expatriated Britisher is to ask the Kaiser or the German government not to insist on pursuing the submarine warfare to a ruthless conclusion, as such a course would peeve the organized labor of the German Empire. Of course that accounts for the overtures coming through the medium of Switzerland asking for the creation of a better understanding between the United States and the Central Powers. If it were not for the activity of such egoists as this Gompers the world would have to cease in its revolutions and the sun, moon and stars would stop in their orbits. The protestations of Mr. Wilson did not amount to a stroke of the pen and were tossed into the international wastebasket but when Gompers expressed his dislike for the slap on the wrist, that settled the trouble and the Kaiser instantly began to get busy with apologies and honorable amends. Gompers and Bryan would make a splendid team in Wilson's cabinet to impart lustre to the commonplace correspondence of ordinary diplomats.

When the bibulous Tonopahan dallies with the pet pisco punch he should think of the internal revenue report emanating from San Francisco that most of this sort of stuff is nothing more romantic than molasses alcohol. That must be where it gets its punch.

That appeal from Washington for \$500 to defray the cost of putting a float of Nevada in the inaugural parade is respectfully referred to the Honorable Raymond Baker, director of the Mints of the United States, who has more ready cash at his disposal than all the voters of Nevada.

Judge Langan wants to have his pay increased from \$3000 to \$4000 a year. This claim is probably superinduced by brain fog engendered by deep pondering on the State Bank and Trust Company receivership which has been kept alive for ten years longer than it should.

Democrats in the Legislature have been cautioned not to criticize the conduct of party officials as that is likely to stir up opposition or investigation by the Senate. This policy is enjoined at least until after passage of the appropriation bill.

If all the figures of the preparedness campaign are gauged by the alleged war strength of the Navajo Indians, of whom, it is said, that 10,000 have offered their services to the United States, the War Department should begin revising downward instantly.

When cows chase government rabies trappers across country, what show is there for extermination of the coyotes in this county?

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